

DUNSKY GLEN

- Circular woodland and glen walk to coast**
- 7km/4 miles**
- Allow 2 hours**
- Hard surface tracks and beaten earth, soft in places**
- Moderate**
- Stout shoes or boots recommended**

PARKING is available at Dunskey House gardens and tearoom, situated just off the B738, 1.5km/1 mile north-east of Portpatrick. The gardens and tearoom are open from March to October and there are two short woodland walks that can be accessed through the gardens. The walk described here is the Glen Walk.

START From the car park, follow the track back towards the main gate then follow the blue waymarkers.

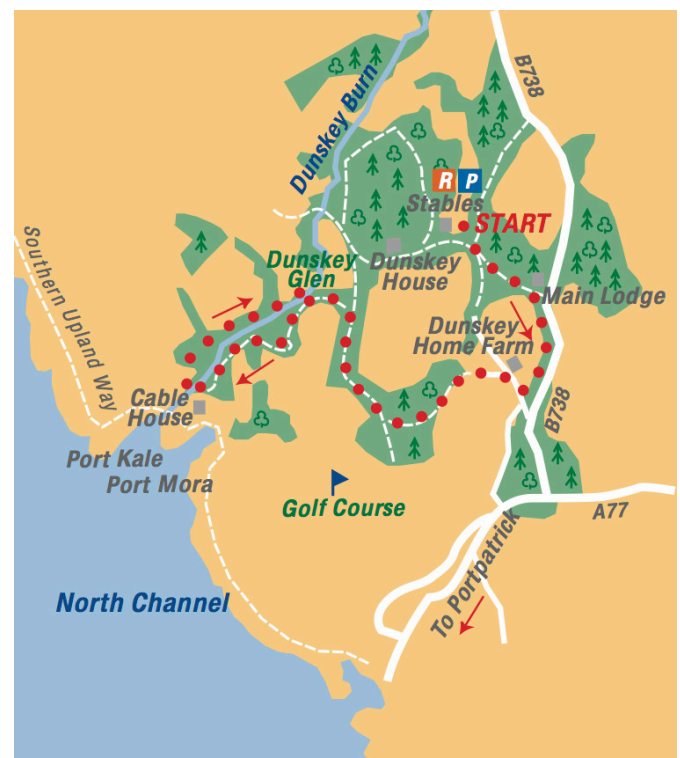
After passing Dunskey Home Farm and the information hut, keep to the main track through the woods, enjoying the peaceful surroundings. Look out for two pillars on your right, remnants of the approach to the original Dunskey House, built in the 17th Century. The present house was built much later, in 1903.

Soon you are on a track high above the steep, wooded sides of the glen. Remain on the track, ignoring any minor paths off to your right. As you head towards the coast enjoy stunning views to the sandy bay at Port Mora, before heading downhill to Port Kale.

The unusual, hexagonal building here was once a cable house and dates back to the 1850s when a submarine telephone cable to Ireland was laid.

The coastal scenery at Port Kale is impressive, with imposing cliffs made of greywacke, typical of southern Scotland. There are excellent views out to sea and, on a clear day, you can see over the North Channel to Ireland, only 34km/22 miles away.

To return, leave the coast and follow the white waymarkers along the lower glen path. The path follows Dunskey Burn then crosses it to reach an attractive waterfall cascading through a rocky gorge. Cross the burn here, turn left then right at the next path junction and follow the waymarkers back to the start.



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